debentures, or the application of the amount to be raised thereby, as may be expressed in the said by-law.

(2) For assessing and levying upon all rateable property lying within the municipality or portion of the township municipality defined in the said by-law (as the case may be), an annual special rate, sufficient to include a sinking fund for the repayment of the said debentures within twenty years with interest thereon, payable yearly or half-yearly, which debentures the respective municipal councils, wardens, mayors, reeves and other officers thereof, are hereby authorized to execute and issue in such cases respectively.

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29. In case of aid from a county municipality, fifty resident freeholders of the county may petition the county council against submitting the said by-law, upon the ground that certain minor municipalities or portions thereof, comprised in the said by-law, would be injuriously affected thereby, or upon any other ground ought not to be included therein, and upon deposit by the petitioners, with the treasurer of the county, of a sum sufficient to defray the expenses of such reference, the said council shall forthwith refer the said petition to three arbitrators, one being the judge of the county court, one being the registrar of the county or of the riding in which the county town is situate, and one being an engineer appointed by the Minister of Public Works for Ontario, who shall have power to confirm or amend the said by-law by excluding any minor municipality, or any section thereof, therefrom, and the decision of any two of them shall be final, and the by-law so confirmed or amended shall thereupon, at the option of the railway company, be submitted by the council to the duly qualified voters, and in case the by-law is confirmed by the arbitrators the expense of the reference shall be borne by the petitioners against the same, but if amended, then by the railway company or the county as the arbitrators may order.

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30. The term "Minor Municipality" shall be construed to mean any town not separated from the municipal county, township or incorporated village situate in the county municipality.

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31. Before any such by-law is submitted, the railway company shall, if required, deposit with the treasurer of the municipality, a sum sufficient to pay the expenses to be incurred in submitting the said by-law.

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Submitting bonus by-laws.

27. Such by-law shall be submitted by the municipal council to a vote of the ratepayers in manner following, namely:

(1) The proper petition shall first be presented to the council expressing the desire to aid the railway and stating in what way and for what amount; and the council shall within six weeks after the receipt of such petition by the clerk of the municipality, introduce a by-law to the effect petitioned for, and submit the same to the approval of the qualified voters.

(2) In the case of a county municipality, the petition shall be that of a majority of the members of the county council or of fifty resident freeholders in each of the minor municipalities of the county who are qualified voters under *The Consolidated Municipal Act, 1903*, and the amendments thereto.

(3) In the case of other municipalities the petition shall be that of a majority of the council thereof, or fifty resident freeholders, being duly qualified voters under *The Consolidated Municipal Act, 1903*, and amendments thereto as aforesaid.

(4) In the case of a section of a township municipality the petition is to be presented to the council defining the section by metes and bounds, or lots and concessions, and shall be that of a majority of the council of such township municipality, or of fifty resident freeholders in such section of the municipality, being duly qualified voters as aforesaid.

Bonus by-laws what to contain.

28. Such by-law shall in each instance provide:

(1) For raising the amount petitioned for in the municipality or portion of the township municipality (as the case may be), mentioned in the petition, by the issue of debentures of the county or minor municipality, respectively, and shall also provide for the delivery of the said

debentures, or the application of the amount to be raised thereby, as may be expressed in the said by-law.

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